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1. A method for stirring a liquid, comprising:  
sucking a part of a liquid from a liquid-containing  
container which opens at the top thereof; and  
discharging the sucked liquid into the container at  
a discharging position which is horizontally different from  
a sucking position where the liquid has been sucked.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the  
sucked liquid is discharged together with the air.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said  
sucking and said discharging are conducted plural times.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the  
discharging position of n times is horizontally different  
from the discharging position of n-1 time(s), and wherein n  
represents an integer of 2 or more.

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the  
sucking position of n times is horizontally different from  
the sucking position of n-1 time(s), and wherein n  
represents an integer of 2 or more.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the container has an inclination on the inside wall thereof, said inclination increasing in height toward the outside of the container, and the sucked liquid is discharged toward the inclination.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid is blood.

8. An apparatus for stirring a liquid in a container, comprising:

a container in which a liquid is contained; and  
a means for sucking the liquid from the container and for discharging the liquid into the container, wherein the container opens at the top thereof, and wherein the means is capable of horizontally moving so that the liquid is discharged into the container at a position different from that where the liquid has been sucked from the container.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the container has an inclination on the inside wall of the container, said inclination increasing in height toward the outside of the container.

10. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the means is a nozzle.